

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.—
FROM and after 1st January, 1876, the business of the undersigned will be incorporated, and carried on under the name and style of "NEWMAN & CO."
WALTER NEWMAN,
JOHN GITTINS,
1794 Foothow, 11th October, 1875.

NOTICE.—
THE interest and responsibility of the late Mr. CHARLES WILSON MURRAY, in our firm, ceased on the 16th August last.

BIRLEY & CO.

1815 Hongkong, 1st October, 1875.

THE interest and responsibility in our firm of Mr. JOHN H. SMITH ceased on the 30th of April last.

BLACKHEAD & CO.

703, Hongkong, 1st May, 1875.

M. A. D. S. CONDES has this day been admitted a partner in our firm.

A. CONDES & CO.

438 Tientan, 1st January, 1875.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 10TH, 1875.

The notification which was recently published by the Captain Superintendent, with reference to the renewal of night passes, has doubtless been perused by the large bulk of the residents in the Colony. The annual formality of applying for passes for Chinese employees, has again to be gone through, and people are warned that in order to secure those valuable documents, they must make their applications before the middle of next month. The ceremony is no doubt a harmless one, but it is certainly an open question whether it is of any use. Passes are so thoroughly an institution of the Colony, that nobody now seems to think it worth while to enquire whether the system is worked in such a way as to prevent any but respectable people obtaining passes, and, indeed, whether by any ingenuity this would be possible.

It seems highly likely that the pass system really offers any great security, as this could only be obtained by a rigid system of registration in connection with it, and so far as the experiment of registration has gone, it appears from all accounts to be a complete failure. Even the chair-coolies cannot be regularly identified, and licences are constantly transferred from one to another. What likelihood, therefore, is there that the same will not be done with regard to passes? If a native is bent upon committing robberies or burglaries, he must be a bad manager if he cannot contrive to get hold of a pass, if not for love, at all events, for money. If he will pay, enough will secure the coveted document, and then can all the dangers of constables with perfect confidence and serenity. In fact, if the truth be told, it would seem that very much the same argument, that was used some years ago, with respect to passports for France from England, applies to passes in Hongkong. Respectable people might at times make mistakes or omission, regarding their passports, but your average swindler was always certain to have his in perfect order. In the same way, it may be reasonably concluded that Chinese in Hongkong who go out for the purposes of robbery or house-breaking, will take care not to stamp an error, as an omission to obtain a pass. Some time ago the native residents represented to H.E. the Governor the advisability of doing away with the rule that all Chinese going out at night shall carry lamps. But it would probably be a mistake to accede to this request, as the regulation is one certainly calculated to secure the safety of the Colony; but perhaps a concession half way might be made, by giving up the pass system, which is nearly equally unpopular, and certainly not by any means as useful.

It is somewhat strange that so strong an objection should have been made to the lamp regulation, and comparatively little with regard to passes; but the fact is probably accounted for by the Chinese, being more concerned about the small cost of the lamp than about the inconveniences attending to the passes. The Chinese often fidget and worry about small expenses of the kind, when they deem them unnecessary, much more than any one not acquainted with their habits and judging from their open-handedness, in other directions, would imagine, and we cannot help thinking that this is the secret of their opposition to a measure which is simply adopting a custom of their own, seeing that the Chinese all over the Empire invariably carry lamps when they go out at night. However this may be, there is no doubt that the lamp regulation is a useful one, and it would be far better to give up the night passes than the lamps. It can hardly be said that both are requisite, as if the passes work effectively the lamps cannot be required, and it is quite a question whether, if it be made absolutely necessary to carry lamps, much additional security is derived from the passes, which are a great source of annoyance to both foreigners and natives. The fact that Chinese have often been unable to go out in cases of emergency to procure drugs or medical aid, and that lives have been lost in consequence, is sufficient to show how much inconvenience the pass system may at times occasion.

Plaintiff v. LEE-CHAN-POY, \$300. Plaintiff in this case was non-suited.

Plaintiff v. LEE-KOW, \$12.64.—This case was adjourned from last sitting for the master of the drapery shop, who wrote out the promissory note, and his evidence being in favor of the plaintiff, judgment for the full amount and costs was given against the defendant, and she was told that it would be considered whether she would not be prosecuted for perjury.

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Plaintiff v. LEE-KOW, \$12.64.—This case was adjourned in consequence of the same reasons not having been served.

Plaintiff v. LEE-CHAN-POY, \$12.64.—Plaintiff in this case was a hair dresser, and defendant a chin-cooker. Plaintiff brought a libel against the plaintiff, and loss of ship's stow in the steamship, through defendant's peculiar way of attacking to collect debts for their hire.

Plaintiff, it appears, had been summoned at the Police Court by defendant, and ordered to pay him hire, but he was not able to prove his case.

Plaintiff not being able to prove his case was non-suited.

Plaintiff v. LEE-CHAN-POY, \$12.64.—Plaintiff was a stable boy, and the claim was for wages and goods supplied for his master's horse.

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Extracts.

TIPLERS' TAXES.
Let us drink and pay our share
Of the taxes, O my friends!
Partial burdens are unfair;
Topping, let us make amends.
Doctors, lawyers, artists, clerks
Income tax on earnings pay,
We go free, as blithe as larks,
Carolling at dawn of day.
If we drank not as we do,
They'd be forced yet more to pay;
But through drink, the Revenue,
In a measure, we defray.
When a tax the Gatherer sows,
Out direct for him who pays,
Tis a pain to tooth to lose,
Which no chlorophor affays.
Paying whilst you drain the pot,
Or enjoy the sparkling glass,
Is as having, feeling not,
Taste drawn under laughing gas.
Some'nt we, in every cap,
Poor better classes spore;
Therefore let us laquer up,
And their burdens help to bear.

KABYLIA.

It is most amazingly wretched, work loaded
with guile. As for agriculture, that is a
profession of every product. That is the country
for our poor labourers to live in with their
wives and children, who have to toil so hard
to get a little bread, and a few potatoes to
grow out of the red earth of our mountains.
But we should be far better without those
Arab barons, which are the cause of per-
petual wars in Africa; and what farmers
want in the very first place is peace. Some-
times, on raising our eyes, we would notice
over the mullagras, trees, and other trees, far
up the hillside, an Arab sheikh, leaning
upon his long crook, and silently gazing upon
us with his long, short-haired dog behind
him, amongst the little flock of sheep.—Cae-
sar's Magazine.

THE MOST THUNDERING CITY
UPON THE GLOBE.

They have here such thunder and lightning as we are not accustomed to at home. One morning, I was awokened by deafening thunder, and a more marvellous display of lightning flashes than I had before seen. Not in one part of the heavens, but from horizon to zenith, it was one lurid flame. The rain poured in torrents for more than an hour, and streets and squares were flooded. I thought it a great storm; but the clerk of the hotel called it only a "baby-shower," and assured me that I "ought to be here sometimes to know what a thunder-shower is." It was evident that they had everything upon a large scale in Omaha, but was not until now that they could boast this "the most thundering city upon the globe." I once heard two gentlemen—one from New York, and one from Philadelphia—praising each the advantages of their cities; and, after exhausting all arguments, the Philadelphian retorted, "Look here! Now, I would rather be a lamp-post in Philadelphia than an alderman in New York." So for me, I had rather be almost anything in an Eastern town than a citizen of Omaha.—From "The Atlantic to the Pacific" by John Ruskin, A.M.

POETS AND PEDAGOGUES.

(Globe.)
Charles Lamb draws a pathetic picture of the miseries of schoolmasters, especially if they happen to be sensitive, and take an interest in their pupils—how their affection is unreciprocated, their kindness forgotten, and their memory associated with nothing but rods and impositions. There is a good deal of truth in this. Schoolmasters have often been very roughly handled by their pupils; often, perhaps, ignored and forgotten. But it has generally been their own fault. The fate of the poor pedagogue, who was stabbed to death by the pens he was guiding, was probably brought on by himself. One of the most pleasing pages in literary history is that which records the gratitude of genius to those whose care first moulded it. With a very few exceptions—such as poor Copper and the tragic Shelley—the feeling of poets towards the instructors of their boyhood has amply refuted Lamb's melancholy statement, and triumphantly proved that the long list of their moral failures does not comprise either ingratitude for benefits received or want of appreciation for the lessons they had, not the resolution to follow.

It adds to the interest of the lines that the affection of the Roman poet was made the medium for the affection of his English translator—to express itself. Dryden dedicated them to his Corinthus. Mr. Bushy, the head master of Westminster School, "Hornace has not so much to say for poor Orisius, who probably found his pupil to judge from the tastes he afterwards developed, somewhat trying; but he evidently bears him no malice, and merely alludes to his propensity for using the birch." Virgil lets us into some of the secrets of his early life—unless an affair of banding down the boughs for the young lady in the orchard be Burns used to hint a bit of auto-biography—and so we know nothing of his instructors. One of his old admiring critics has pronounced the theory that, like Gray, he never was a boy, which, of course, would only explain his reticence; but, by partially shouldering his basket, closed the door carefully behind him again, and stepped forth into the thick-encompassing for that new shrouded earth and sky. From his high basement window Mrs. Trotterick watched Ab Fe's figure until it disappeared in the grey cloud. In her present loneliness she felt a keen sense of gratitude towards him, and may have ascribed to the higher emotions and the consciousness of a good deed that certain exquisiteness of the chest and swelling of the bosom that was really due to the hidden presence of the scarf and tablecloth under his blouse.—From "An Episode of Fiddletown," by Bret Harte.

diabolously "chaffed" by Charles Lamb—the severest punishment that gentle nature could inflict on any one—and very equivalently praised by Coleridge, who after doing him the justice to say that he taught him how to read and understand the classics, and pointed out that poetry and common sense were not irreconcilable, winds up with a sentence in which pathos and Gibbon strive for the mastery. "The reader will, I trust, excuse this tribute of recollection to a man whose severities even now not seldom furnish the dreams by which the blind fancy would fail interpret to the mind the painful sensations of disturbed sleep." The lessons inculcated by Bowyer had probably more to do with the revolution in English poetry effected by the Lake school than the critics seem to have realized. The third, fourth, and fifth pages of Coleridge's "Biographia Literaria," which record Bowyer's teachings and canons of criticism, might be profitably compared with the account of the Lake poetry later on in the same book and with Wordsworth's own essay. Schoolmasters have a difficult part to perform. "A dunce you are, and a dunce you will remain" was the sentence pronounced upon Richard Brinsley Sheridan by his pedagogue. The pupil, however, managed to refute it, and to show gratitude to the bairn.

AH FE'S ADVENTURES.

On the road to Sacramento he was twice plainly thrown from the top of the stage-coach by an intelligent but deeply intoxicated Chinese, whose moral nature was shocked at riding with one addicted to opium smoking. At Hangtown he was beaten by a passing stranger—purely an act of Christian supererogation. At Dutch Flat he was robbed by well-known hands from unknown motives. At Sacramento he was arrested on suspicion of being something or other, and was tried for it, and so delaying the course of justice. At San Francisco he was freely stoned by children of the public schools, but by carefully avoiding these monuments of enlightened progress he at last reached in comparative safety, the Chinese quarters, where his abuse was confined to the police and limited by the strong arm of the law.

The next day he entered the washhouse of Chy Foo as an assistant, and on the following Friday was sent with a basket of clean cloths to Chy Foo's several clients. It was the usual foggy afternoon after the long wind-swept hill of California-street—the one of those bleak gray intervals that made the summer a misnomer to any but the liveliest San Franciscan fancy. There was no warmth or colour in earth or sky; no light nor shade within or without, only one monotonous, universal neutral tint over everything. There was a fierce unrest in the wind-whipped streets, there was a dreary, vacant quiet in the gray houses. When Ab Fe reached the top of the hill—the Mission ridge was already hidden, and the chill sea-breeze made him shiver. As he put down his basket to rest himself, it is possible, that to his defective intelligence and headlong experience this "God's own climate" as it was called, seemed to possess but scant tenderness, softness or mercy. But it is possible that Ab Fe illogically confounded this season with his old persecutors, the school children, who, being released from studious confinement, at this hour were generally most aggressive. So he hastened on, and, turning a corner, at last stopped before a small house. It was the usual San Francisco urban cottage. There was the little strip of cold green shrubbery before it; the chilly bare veranda, and above this again the balcony on which no one sat. Ah Fe rang the bell; a servant appeared, glanced at his basket, and reluctantly admitted him, as if he were some necessary domestic animal. Ah Fe silently mounted the stairs, and entering the open door of the front chamber, put down the basket and stood passively on the threshold. A woman who was sitting in the cold gray light of the gem balcony on which no one sat. Ah Fe rang the bell; a servant appeared, glanced at his basket, and reluctantly admitted him, as if he were some necessary domestic animal. 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